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2026 Response Planning Exercise Scenario Timeline

Discolsure Block	Significant Event	Response	Additional clarification	Moderator questions	Anticipated Discussion	Credible Indicator / Readiness Condition	OPS Requirement or Action	Dependency or prerequisite action	Timing and Length of Action
				What is our definition of a credible indicator?					
1	Indications of Country A mobilization			What is the purpose of a credible indicator?					
1	Country A issues ultimatum to Country B. Country B refuses to comply.			Do any of the block 1 disclosures constitute a credible indicator?					
	Country A declares air and naval quarantine of Country B. Only vessles and aircraft from country A allowed to trade with Country B.	U.S. declares the quarantine illegal and introduces a resolution in the U.N. Security Council.		Do any of the disclosures require SSS PIA action IAW ARP?					
1	U.N Security Council actions to declare the quarantine illeal vetoed.								
1	Country B resists the quarantine. Country A destroys Country B Navy and AF								
2	U.S. vows to imore the quarantine and lead a coalition of the w illing to support Country B.								
		DoW / Presidential Reserve call-up of Navy AF USMC and Space Force Selfies (less than 60K for 365 days - Title 10 USC Section 12304b)	The reserve call-up at disclosure block two are the selected reserves with some critical individual ready reserve personnel (who have the critical skills necessary to mose maritime and air forces). I believe this is within the Secretary of War and President's authority granted by Title 10 USC Sections 12304a/b). These are the pre-planned reserves necessary to execute the Time Phased Force and Deployment List (TPFDL) requirements of the Combatant Commander for Phase one of the operational plan for defense of country B. The IRR personnel are a small portion of the 30K the President may authorize under Title 10 USC Section 12304.						
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2		Navy activates and deploys both hospital ships	Active and reserve Navy medical personnel drawn from Naval hospitals						
2		President activates Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement (VISA)	Additional civilian mariners required to reolace foreign crew members.						
2	Countries C & D alarm with U.S. to challenge quarantine								
	7th Fleet aggregates and publically gathers a convoy of merchant vessels to break the quarantine and relieve country B.								
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2		"Country B is not our problem" protests beain in major U.S. cities							
2		Press articles ouestioning U.S. involvement resolve and ab ility to confront Country A Increased press interest in SSS. SSS receives request for Director to appear on "60 Minutes"		PIA actions to address press interest? Does the Director require permission to engage? PIA actions to prepare the Director? Who would attend with the Director? How long would it take to prepare the Director? Who is the Agency POC in the Office of the President?	What is the process to prepare the Director? How many people required to prepare the Director? Pre-approval of responses required from the Office of the President?				
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2		Anticipatine difficulty manning NORF. President appeals for civilian mariner volunteers	There are not enough civilian mariners to crew U.S. flaoted vessels						
	U.S. / allied convey attacked by Country A. Both sides lose significant ships and aircraft. Convey forced to withdraw.								
3				Is this a Credible Indicator?					
3		Navy USMC AF and selected Army MOS implement "Stop-loss" Navy transfers 90% of TAG personnel to sea-duty	Critical technical NECs and MOSs To man operational units to wartime requirements						
3		Navy begins re-manning MSC ships with active duty crews							
			To free civilian mariners for NORF and because MSC ships are primarv taraets.						
		Director of SSS summoned to NSC for classified situation updates. SSS required to begin attending meetings of the Joint Planning and Execution Community (JPEC)	Director asked to characterize readiness and about Agency capabilities to selectively draft skilled men	Who would attend? Does the Agency have capability for classified discussions within Agency facilities? Who would have a need to know? How would the Agency communicate with government partners about classified information? How would we characterize our readiness? What would the Agency require to conscript men with specialized skills? How would we get the authority? What are the roles and responsibilities of Intergovernmental Affairs and OPS?	How would we prepare for these meetings? Do both PIA and OPS attend? Does this require a change in daily Agency operations or organization? Does PIA need to develop an intergovernmental engagement plan for this crisis? Does PIA have enough personnel at this point? Does PIA's organization support this effort? Does SSS need a readiness ladder linked to CI's?				
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4	Country A declares full blockade of country B and threatens offensive action against countries C & D.								
4		Congress renews the Defense Production Act Presidential call-up of additional Navy and AF Selected Reserves (SELRES) and limited Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) (Up to 200K for 1 year - Title 10 USC Section 12304).	The reserve call-up at disclosure block four conforms with the Presidential Reserve Call-up authority of up to 200 000 Selected Reserves (including up to 30K IRR) granted under Title 10 USC Section 12304. This call-up is necessitated by the next phase of the TPFDL replacement of Navy Marine Corps and Air Force combat losses from the initial engagements and preparation to move forces between theaters. Up to this point Army manpower was in a supporting role (logistics with small combat arms roles [air defense special warfare and strategic fires]). From this point forward preparations are being discussed / made for a larger Army role as a contingency / the conflict grows.						
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4		Army issues full "Stop loss"							
4		Navy and AF call for Individual Augmentees (IA) from other services	Critical skills in electronics enaine repair communications logistics						
4		U.S. declares all forces own/coastwi in the blockade hostile							
4		Congress invokes the War Powers Act. President requests and receives Congressional authorization (by a close vote) for continued maritime and aerospace support of Country B. President asked about the need for a draft during a press conference.							
			President replies that a draft is not currently necessary but all Americans must contribute in order to stand up to agression against the free world.	Who or what organizations would SSS engage for consistent public affairs messaging?					
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4		Activation of the National Defense Reserve Fleet	Requires civilian mariners and shioward workers. There are not enough.						
4		DoW requests supplemental funding from Congress and requests increases in authorized end strength							
			Specialized welders pipe fitters divers fiber optic technicians electricians heavv equipment operators						
4		President calls for full staffing of public shipyards and issues a call to national service							
5	U.S. moves additional forces from other theaters.	Massive increase of activity and cyber attacks on SSS.gov and SSS IT infrastructure. Outages and denial of service increase.		Can PIA function without SSS.gov? How? What are the triggers to request additional personnel resources?	Does the PIA organization need to change if our primary means of communication gets disrupted?				
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5		Increasing size frequency and hostility of anti-war protests		How does this impact SSS/PIA?					
5				Is the PIA organization adequate for the required level of effort? How long would it take to hire and train additional personnel?					
		Increasing press queries and interest in SSS preparations for a draft including FOIA requests. Presidential call-up of all remaining Army SELRES (Title 10 USC Section 12304)							
			Not exceeding the 200 000 authorized before Presidential declaration of national emergency. At this point all Navy Marine Corps and Air Force Selfies and most IRR are exhausted. The remainder of the President's authority is to kick-start the Army's preparations for Full Mobilization under a potential Presidential declaration of national emerencv if First Armv assandine the trainine capacitat.						
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5		Country A threatens escalation and a widening war if the U.S. does not "cease hostile actions" SSS Director summoned to testify on agency readiness in Congress (one week notice)	Congress wants to know how long it would take for SSS to return to full operations.						
				How does SSS characterize readiness? What preparations would be necessary? How would the Agency prepare the Director? Who would conduct the preparation? Who would attend with the Director?					
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6	Country B hardships multiply. Country B pleads for relief.								
6		President imposes limitations on the use of rare Earth metals.							
		SSS receives increasingly persistent calls from "Peace Churches" including a request for SSS Director to participate in a "Conscientious Objector Forum"		What is the role of PIA in responding to the Peace Churches? How would PIA prepare the Director?					
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		President transfers the Coast Guard to the Dept. of Navy							
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		HASC and SASC call defense industry leaders to testify about overcomine supply chain production and repair limitations							
6		HASC and SASC call DoW leadership to testify about increasing training capacity for aviators mariners and highly skilled NECs and MOS's							
6		President outlines a proaram to incentivize vocational education							
6		Cabinet members governors and mayors are increasingly vocal about the impact of loss of critical personnel fire fighters and police to reserve component activations.							
7	U.S. attempts to establish air bridge to country B. Semificant air losses on both sides								
7		President activates the Civil Reserve Air Fleet							
			There are not enough aircraft mechanics to restore / maintain required aircraft.						
7		Air Force returns recruiters to operational units							
7				PIA message? Reporting requirements within the government? Requests of Congress?	Does the Director get a security detail?				
		Increasing anti-war protests. SSS sites receive bomb threats.							
8	Country A declares Countries C & D complicit and attacks U.S. military infrastructure in both countries.								
8		Presidential Declaration of National Emerencv.							
		NSC asks SSS for a plan to begin a specialized skills national service draft in 30 days. NSC identifies required skills		What would PIA require to implement a specialized skills national service draft? Would PIA prepare a public affairs campaign plan for the announcement / roll-out? What government agencies must PIA coordinate with?	What can be accomplished or prepared in the Readiness Phase to accelerate the process? What PIA organization would be required to accomplish this?				
			Required skills Computer network technicians electronics technicians aerospace engineers divers welders gas turbine engine mechanics electricians heavy equipment operators longshoremen steelworkers / pipefitters radar / communications technicians fiber optic technicians mariners aviation structural mechanics cyber security specialists robotics operators and technicians air traffic controllers logistics specialists linguists.						
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		President calls for immediate funding and expansion of the "DoW Civilian Expeditionary Work Force"		How would this work with a specialized skills draft?					
8		President formally announces Partial Mobilization. All Ready Reserves activated.	This is the point at which the Army starts to become the focus of general manpower requirements anticipating the movement of Army units between theaters predicting high casualty replacement rates and the need to increase the Army's training capacity.						
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8		President establishes the National Defense Executive Reserve under the Defense Production Act							
9	War in space. GPS and satellite comms lost. Low Earth Orbit untenable. Internet outages in rural CONUS and territories.			How would unreliable or unavailable internet impact PIA?	Would this require additional manual labor or reorganization?				
9		DoW announces chanaes in standards to qualify a hiaher percentaae of IRR and Retired Reserve to serve.							
9		President federalizes the National Guard							
10	U.S. conducts air attacks on Country A homeland.								
10		Massive "Soothe War" protests across the nation. Attempted breaches of government facilities nationwide.							
10		SSS employees receive death threats		Reporting requirements?					
11	Country A conducts devastating missile strikes on U.S. territories. Mass military and civilian casualties								
		Congressional Declaration of a National Emergency. President declares full mobilization. Retired Reserve Stand-by Reserve and all remaining IRR activated.							
11		Congress amends the MSSA requiring specia lized skills national service and conscription. First de lvery required on M 30.		What amendments would SSS require? When would SSS need to submit the amendments? How would SSS secure the amendments? What actions would be required of PIA? Describe the process of the public affairs roll-out.	Are ARP Annexes G&H sufficient to guide this process? If not what revisions would be required? What can be done in the Readiness Phase to shorten the timeline?				
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11		Congress authorizes DoW end strength increases							
	Country F declares support for Country A and moves significant numbers of troops to the border of Country E (different theater).								
12	Country F sorties hiaher than normal number of submarines into the Atlantic								
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		President declares National Civil Defense Emerencv and authorizes militarv support of civil defense							
12		President transfers Federal Aviation Administration to DoW NSC adds civil defense occupations to critical skills		PIA actions? What level of definition does SSS require and how would we get it? What governmental agencies would we have to coordinate with?	Would PIA have the staffing necessary to do this? If not what would be required?				
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13	Countries A and F walk-out of the U.N. U.N. declares humanitarian disaster in Country B								
		President activates the National Disaster Medical System and militarizes and transfers the Pub ic Health Service Commissioned Corps to the DoW							
13		NSC adds medical occupations to critical skills		PIA actions? What level of definition does SSS require and how would we get it? What governmental agencies would we have to coordinate with?	Would PIA have the staffing necessary to do this? If not what would be required?				
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	Country A invades Country B and part of country D								
		Army recommends total mobilization and requests general conscription							
	Country A conducts mass cyber attacks on CONUS infrastructure								
		Congress amends MSSA for general conscription with priority specialties.		What amendments would SSS require? How would PIA secure the amendments?	Are ARP Annexes G&H sufficient to guide this process? If not what revisions would be required?				
	Country A conducts kinetic strikes against bases in Alaska and Hawaii.								
		Congressional Declaration of War against country A DoW requests 1 million inductees in 15 mos.							